

# Call for Abstracts

## **Eliminating Racial & Ethnic Health Disparities by 2010:**

**Moral & Economic  
Imperatives**

*Presented by:*  
The New England Regional  
Minority Health Committee

**April 2, 3 & 4, 2007**

Foxwoods Conference Center  
39 Norwich Westerly Road  
Mashantucket, CT

*Hosted by:*  
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Office of Minority Health  
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## Our Mission

Provide a regional multi- disciplinary forum to identify and target activities that eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health by 2010.

## Conference Overview

This conference is a key New England regional component of the national initiative to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities by the year 2010. Health disparities persist among certain racial/ethnic/linguistic population groups including African- Americans, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

The Eliminating Health Disparities Conference Planning Committee defines “moral” as the beliefs, practices, and behaviors that result in each individual being valued and accorded unconditional acceptance and regard, and equitable access to the same quality and quantity of goods, services, and care regardless of income, race, culture, and/or ethnicity. *The moral and economic imperative* acknowledges that the lives of many in communities of color are characterized by inequality, disparities in health care, limited access, and receipt of inferior goods and services. Admission of these realities must be coupled with a call to action to eliminate the social, economic and educational determinants of the existing disparities, thereby improving the society.

## Audience

The target audience includes:

- Academicians and Students
- Community advocates and outreach workers including interpreters and translators
- Consultants
- Consumers
- Government and policy makers
- Health care managers, financiers, and insurers
- Health and human services providers
- Medical, Public Health, and Human Services Providers

## Call for Abstracts

We are soliciting abstracts for workshops for the New England Regional Minority Health Conference to be held on April 2,3, and 4, 2007, and hosted by the State of Connecticut. The conference seeks to enhance participants’ skills, demonstrate emerging practices, and equip individuals to mobilize community networks that effectively address racial and ethnic health disparities. We will select abstracts based on how well they contribute to and support the conference theme: **Eliminating Racial & Ethnic Health Disparities by 2010: Moral and Economic Imperatives**. Deadline for abstract submission is October 2, 2006.

**We encourage presenters to focus on cutting edge topics that address *the moral and economic imperatives* associated with the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities, including:**

- *Access to Culturally Competent Services and Community-Based Advocacy*
- *Health Practices, Prevention, and Treatment (Traditional, Complementary, and Alternative Practices)*
- *Organizational Development and Systems Management*
- *Policy Development, Implementation, and Evaluation*
- *Research Methodology and Outcomes*
- *Specific Diseases and Categorical Health Issues*



## Abstract Submission Guidelines

1. Deadline for abstract submission is October 2, 2006.
2. An electronic copy of the abstract is preferred. If you are unable to submit an electronic copy, a hard copy is acceptable.  
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Rhode Island Department of Health  
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3. Abstracts must be 150 words or less using Times New Roman 12 point font.
4. ALL Program Committee decisions are final.
5. NO fees or honoraria will be provided.
6. **Registration**
  - Single Author Presenters: Conference registration fee is waived for the day you are presenting your workshop.
  - Panel Presenters: Only one presenter's Conference registration fee is waived per panel group for the day of the presentation (a panel group consists of 2 or more presenters).
  - If you are a presenter on one day and plan to attend any of the other conference days, you must register and pay the additional conference fees.
7. All presenters must complete a registration form.
8. Use Outline A (Single Author Workshops/Presentations) or Outline B (Panel Workshops/Presentations) to format your submission.

**Presenters must use one of the following two outlines to format the submission:**

### Outline A - Single Author Workshops/Presentations

- Topic Description / Scope of Presentation: A 3- 4 sentence description of the workshop for the conference brochure.
- Issues to be discussed
- Learning objectives
- Solutions, Methods, Models and/or Examples
- Bibliography of at least 6 references

### Outline B - Panel Workshops/Presentations

- Topic Description / Scope of Presentation: A 3- 4 sentence description of the workshop for the conference brochure.
- Learning objectives
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- Bibliography of at least 6 references
- Contact information for all presenters
- List of all presenters

## Call for Abstracts Application Form

### Deadline Date for Receipt: October 2, 2006

Every presenter must complete and sign this application form. For panel groups, please submit all completed forms as one package and designate a contact person on behalf of your panel group.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check: ☐ SINGLE AUTHOR PRESENTER

☐ PANEL PRESENTER

Are you the panel group contact person? Yes - or- No

Title (include professional degree/license/certificate):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

E- Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstract Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: (Please indicate one from topic list on Page 1)  
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Number of Presenters 1 2 3 4 5

Format – Check One: (All slots are scheduled for 90 minutes)

☐ Outline A - Single Author Workshop

☐ Outline B - Panel Workshop

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Conference registration materials will follow.





## Abstract Check List

- ☐ Submit abstract electronically (preferred) and mail a hard copy with the abstract submission form.
- ☐ Ensure abstract is no longer than 150 words in Times New Roman 12 point font double spaced.
- ☐ Complete all fields on the call for abstract application form (page 3) and sign.
- ☐ Submit a brief biography (2- 4 sentences) for each presenter for inclusion in conference brochure.
- ☐ Submit each presenter's full resume/CV for CEU/CME applications.
- ☐ Summarize each presenter's professional experience/areas of expertise related to this presentation, such as previous publications/presentations.
- ☐ Include a printed list of equipment needing to be supplied. Available items are easels, overhead projector, slide projector, VCR/TV and Power Point presentation equipment, (please specify if you will need a laptop or LCD projector).

*Incomplete abstract submission forms and those not in accordance with the guidelines may not be reviewed or considered. Persons who submit complete abstracts will be notified of the committee's decision by November 17, 2006.*

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## For Exhibitor Space information contact:

Limited exhibition space is available. If you would like to exhibit during the conference, please contact the Conference Manager, Michelle Surdoval, at 207.839.6381 or michellesurdoval@yahoo.com.

## Sponsors

The "Eliminating Health Disparities by 2010" conferences are sponsored by the New England Regional Minority Health Committee. The Committee is a collaboration between federal, state and local partners working towards sustainable, focused and joint efforts that address disparities in health outcomes. All sponsorship will include free exhibit space. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Michelle Surdoval, Conference Manager, at (207) 839- 6381 or michellesurdoval@yahoo.com.

